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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

Re-Opening of Churches – Conversation Continues for all Church Leaders

Monday, July 13 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central

As situations regarding COVID-19 keep changing, moderators and church leaders are invited to join in the continued conversation about when and how church buildings re-open and in-person worship resumes. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Join us on Zoom. Register online here.

For All Clergy

An Hour of Conversations and Prayer
Tuesdays in July (14, 21, 28) - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central)
Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/479440102

United Church of Christ Offerings This Week

Tuesdays for Nurture: The Power of Boundaries

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm EDT

Boundaries are necessary and are shaped by our lived experiences. Whether we set boundaries for our personal limits or for the ways we engage with our

work and world, they can be difficult to set and maintain. How have these recent months when we've moved online and have constant access affected our boundaries? And how do we shape and hold boundaries that enable us to be as present as possible with each other and with the world?

Join Rev. Dr. Chris Davies, Rev. Tara Barber, and Eleta White, MSW, member of Liberation UCC in Seattle to talk about the Power of Boundaries.

Tuesdays for Nurture is a Tuesday webinars series which we faithfully focus on education for the people of God. Topics from faith-filled politics, to interviews of key leaders, to "how to's" in congregational life, to the impacts of current realities on the life of the church will be featured. Each webinar will include clear suggestions on what YOU can do to change the church, and the world, towards the world God imagines for us. "Tuesdays for Nurture" and "Thursdays for the Soul" are offered by Faith Education, Innovation, and Formation and Justice and Local Church Ministries of the National Setting, United Church of Christ. Live closed captioning is provided. REGISTER

"Bridging Cultural Divides." The Council of Conference Minister is offering the 3rd in its series of Innovative Ministries WEBinars.

Wednesday, July 15 at 3:00 - 4:00 pm EDT.

The five ministry innovators will speak for 8 minutes to address:

1. The cultural divide within their context
2. Ministries to bridge cultural divides
3. What needs to be done to bridge the cultural divide in your context?
4. Where have allies, and objectors, shown up?

Following the presentations, the remaining time in the hour will be for Q&A through the WEBinar chat feature. Attendees are invited to email panelists for further information following the WEBinar. The WEBinar will be recorded and linked to the Montana – N.Wyoming Conference WEBsite: www.mnwcucc.org/events.

"Bridging Cultural Divides" Panelists:

1. First Church Billings MT: Pastor Lisa Harmon, Nell Eby - Native American Ministry accompaniment
2. Missouri- Mid.South Conference: Rev. Rob Van Ess, Pastor Holy Trinity Community UCC, Memphis, TN - Changing Bylaw language to be inclusive
3. St. John's UCC Allentown PA: Pastor Emily Garcia Livingston - Ministering in amidst demographic change
4. Bridge Maryland: the Rev. Brian Murray, Co-Chair, www.BRIDGEMaryland.org Pastor, New Covenant Community United Church of Christ, Baltimore, MD - Interfaith advocacy creating the "beloved community"
5. CARD, Innovative Ministries: the Rev. Phiwa Langeni, Lansing MI - Church for "Nones" and UCC CARD Innovative Ministries

You are invited to a Zoom webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86832360494?pwd=ZWZtUG5xbkk3WDZNZ0JXSm1JR3YvZz09; Password: 337661

Thursdays for the Soul: Queer the Church

Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 03:30 PM EST

Darrell Goodwin and Chris Davies are queer leaders in the United Church of Christ. They have worked together: visioning, dreaming, and praying for a future where the United Church of Christ Matters for the past several years. Come with your questions, dreams, and spirituality… and listen alongside their conversation of Call, faith, and hope… for who we are, and who we can be, where every voice is honored along the journey. While they will be speaking from their own place of identity and call; this offering is not only for queer identified people but for ALL people seeking a place for rest of soul. REGISTER

LOOKING AHEAD

Lay Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times – An SEC Special Webinar on July 20

Monday, July 20 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central

What kind of pressures are you as lay leaders experiencing? How do you work to make good decisions in today's virtual world? How do you support your pastor? We are living in challenging times and as lay leaders, your leadership is crucial. These days you may feel greater pressures of finances, moving to in-person worship, responding to individual complaints without the advantage of face-to-face meetings.

Moderators and other Lay Leaders are encouraged to join Rev. Char Burch (Transitional Conference Minister), for an hour of discussion on leadership during these unique times. Register for the Zoom session here.

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